

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1186

By McMillan

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Vernon Jenkins of
Clarksville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Vernon Jenkins; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Jenkins was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Rosewood, Kentucky, Mr. Jenkins was born to loving parents, Claude Jenkins and Flossie Cisney Jenkins, on December 23, 1910; and

WHEREAS, in 1953, Mr. Jenkins purchased a Lincoln-Mercury automobile dealership and nine years later assumed control of the local Ford dealership; and

WHEREAS, as the President and Founder of the Jenkins-Wynne automobile dealership, Mr. Jenkins earned the respect of his customers, employees, and the entire Clarksville community for his unwavering dedication to honesty and integrity as a businessman and his stalwart commitment to providing the highest quality motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, an active member of the Clarksville community, Mr. Jenkins served in various positions with numerous civic organizations, including meritorious service with the Queen City Masonic Lodge #761, the Shriners, the Kiwanis Club, and the Chamber of Commerce; he also astutely served as President and Founder of the Clarksville New Car Dealers Association; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his outstanding community service, Mr. Jenkins proudly served his country during the Second World War as a member of the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, renowned as an honest and fair businessman, Mr. Jenkins enjoyed tremendous success in every business endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins's outstanding career as a businessman and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and perseverance, and his uncommon ability to relate to people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Claude Jenkins and Flossie Cisney Jenkins; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jenkins was the widower of Evelyn Martin Jenkins, with whom he enjoyed many years of loving companionship; and

WHEREAS, a loving father, he will be greatly missed by his son, Don Jenkins; and

WHEREAS, he will also be fondly remembered by his half-sister, Ella Mae Hughes and his two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Jenkins leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Vernon Jenkins, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a businessman and community leader and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Vernon Jenkins.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.